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STRINGER AWARDED GERMAN MEDAL

George E. Stringer, Deputy Personnel Security Officer, has been notified that he has been awarded the Parsberg Distinguished Service Medal by local German authorities for his services to the County of Parsberg in Bavaria while a United States Resident Officer with the Office of the U.S. High Commissioner for Germany from 1949 to 1952. Only nine other persons have been awarded the medal since it was first created and Mr. Stringer is the only foreign national to have been so honored.

While Resident Officer, Mr. Stringer was responsible for administering all phases of the occupation mission at county and community level in a district of central Bavaria with a population of approximately 62,000. Later his responsibilities were expanded to include a larger area with nearly 120,000 inhabitants. Many of the programs begun during that time—such as town meetings—are still a part of the community life in the area.

Upon completion of his assignment in Parsberg, Mr. Stringer was commended by the then U.S. High Commissioner for Germany, John J. McCloy, for the very substantial contribution he had made to the U.S. mission in Germany.

Mr. Stringer has been invited to attend a presentation ceremony in Parsberg in May which will coincide with the opening of a new secondary school.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS COUNSELING AVAILABLE AT ALL LC LOCATIONS

The staff of the Employee Relations Office is available to assist Library employees with counseling on a wide variety of problems, primarily job-related, but also personal. Their primary objective is to assist supervisors and employees in their efforts to establish and maintain relationships which make working together a satisfying and productive experience but they also assist by answering questions and providing advice on housing and commuting matters.

As a convenience to Library supervisors and staff members at the Crystal Mall and Navy Yard Annexes, the Employee Relations Office has arranged the following schedule:

Crystal Mall Annex: Every Tuesday, Hobert Johnston, Employee Relations Specialist, is available in Room 221, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The telephone number is 557-8758.

Navy Yard Annex: Every Wednesday, Herbert Belmear, Employee Relations Specialist, is available in Building 159, Room 120, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The telephone extension is 6164 or 6120.

Appointments in these Annex Buildings need not be made in advance, but staff members may telephone the Employee Relations Office at ext. 6361 to arrange specific times if they wish.

The staff of the Employee Relations Office, Room G-112, in the Main Building, is available for coun-

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seling on a non-scheduled basis for staff members in all buildings but recommends, whenever possible, that appointments be made in advance.

PRESIDENT SIGNS EEO ACT

The Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1972 was signed by the President on March 24, (P.L. 92-261). Section 717 relates to Nondiscrimination in Federal Government Employment.

The pertinent portion of the Act that will affect LC staff follows:

Sec. 717. (a) All personnel actions affecting employees or applicants for employment (except with regard to aliens employed outside the limits of the United States) in military departments as defined in section 102 of title 5, United States Code, in executive agencies (other than the General Accounting Office) as defined in section 105 of title 5, United States Code (including employees and applicants for employment who are paid from nonappropriated funds), in the United States Postal Service and the Postal Rate Commission, in those units of the Government of the District of Columbia having positions in the competitive service, and in those units of the legislative and judicial branches of the Federal Government having positions in the competitive service, and in the Library of Congress shall be made free from any discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, the Civil Service Commission shall have authority to enforce the provisions of subsection (a) through appropriate remedies, including reinstatement or hiring of employees with or without back pay, as will effectuate the policies of this section, and shall issue such rules, regulations, orders and instructions as it deems necessary and appropriate to carry out its responsibilities under this section. The Civil Service Commission shall–

(1) be responsible for the annual review and approval of a national and regional equal employment opportunity plan which each department and agency and each appropriate unit referred to in subsection (a) of this section shall submit in order to maintain an affirmative program of equal employment opportunity for all such employees and applicants for employment;

(2) be responsible for the review and evaluation of the operation of all agency equal employment opportunity programs, periodically obtaining and publishing (on at least a semiannual basis) progress reports from each such department, agency, or unit; and

(3) consult with and solicit the recommendations of interested individuals, groups, and organizations relating to equal employment opportunity.

The head of each such department, agency, or unit shall comply with such rules, regulations, orders, and instructions which shall include a provision that an employee or applicant for employment shall be notified of any final action taken on any complaint of discrimination filed by him thereunder. The plan submitted by each department, agency, and unit shall include, but not be limited to–

(1) provision for the establishment of training and education programs designed to provide a maximum opportunity for employees to advance so as to perform at their highest potential; and

(2) a description of the qualifications in terms of training and experience relating to equal employment opportunity for the principal and operating officials of each such department, agency, or unit responsible for carrying out the equal employment opportunity program and of the allocation of personnel and resources proposed by such department, agency, or unit to carry out its equal employment opportunity program. With respect to employment in the Library of Congress, authorities granted in this subsection to the Civil Service Commission shall be exercised by the Librarian of Congress.

The Library of Congress was included in the Act by an amendment offered in the Senate by Senators Alan Cranston and Peter H. Dominick. This amendment had the support of the Librarian of Congress and the Chairman of the Joint Committee on the Library, Senator B. Everett Jordan.

As the Library procedes to implement programs outlined in the Act, reports will be made to the staff.

CREDIT UNION REDUCES INTEREST

The Library of Congress Federal Credit Union announced that all new loans on new automobiles will be reduced from 10% to 9% effective April 1. The Credit Union maintains a reference library on consumer and price information of automobiles and will provide this information for its members. The Credit Union's office hours are from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on paydays. Members wishing information should call or visit the Credit Union's Manager, Jim Mitchell.

MALAMUD, STYRON, AND UPDIKE NAMED HONORARY CONSULTANTS

Authors Bernard Malamud, William Styron, and John Updike have been appointed by the Librarian as Honorary Consultants in American Letters for the next three years. They will replace Katherine Garrison Chapin, Ralph Ellison, and Robert Penn Warren.

The role of the Honorary Consultant in American Letters is to advise the Library on the acquisition of literary works—particularly of manuscripts and foreign books in the field of belles lettres; to advise the Library of Congress on the selection of the Consultant in Poetry in English, who is customarily employed for a one- or two-year term; to recommend projects for bibliographic work on specific groups of materials in the Library; and to suggest critics and other scholars to carry out such projects. They also advise on the selection of contemporary poets to be recorded by the Library in readings from their works and assist in specific literary activities the Library may undertake on which the expert advice of American writers in the field is required.

Bernard Malamud was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1914. He was educated at Erasmus Hall High School in Brooklyn, the College of the City of New York (B.A., 1936), and Columbia University (M.A., 1942). He has taught at Oregon State College and at Bennington College. In 1952 his first novel, *The Natural,* marked him as a distinctive talent, and *The Assistant,* in 1957, placed him in the front rank of American writers. His subsequent books of fiction confirmed this position: *The Magic Barrel* (1958), *A New Life* (1961), *Idiots First* (1963), *The Fixer* (1966), and *Pictures of Fidelman* (1969). His latest novel, *The Tenants,* was published in September 1971. Among the numerous fellowships and awards he has received are the Pulitzer Prize in 1967 for *The Fixer* and two National Book Awards, in 1959 for *The Magic Barrel* and in 1967 for *The Fixer.*

Born in Newport News, Va., in 1925, William Styron was educated at Christchurch School, Davidson College, and Duke University (A.B., 1947); his education was interrupted by service with the Marine Corps during the latter part of World War II. He published his first novel, *Lie Down in Darkness,* in 1951. *The Long March* followed quickly in 1952, and 1960 saw the publication of *Set This House on Fire,* which was set in Italy. The appearance in 1967 of *The Confessions of Nat Turner,* which was a widely acclaimed critical success, also won Mr. Styron the Pulitzer Prize in fiction that year. Mr. Styron, who is a member of the National Institute of Arts and Letters and a fellow of Silliman College, Yale University, is the author of numerous articles in periodicals and was the editor of *Best Stories from the Paris Review* (1959).

Author John Updike was born in 1932 in Shillington, Pa., and graduated in 1954 from Harvard College (A.B., summa cum laude); the following year he studied at the Ruskin School of Drawing and Fine Art, Oxford, England. From 1955 to 1957 he was a reporter on the staff of *The New Yorker* magazine. He is the recipient of a Richard and Hilda Rosenthal Foundation Award, a Guggenheim fellowship, an O. Henry Memorial Awards first prize, and two awards for his novel *The Centaur* (1963)—the National Book Award and a National Association of Independent

Copies of the LC *Information Bulletin* are printed for every staff member in the Library of Congress. Any staff member who is not receiving a personal copy of LCIB should bring this fact to the attention of the person in his division responsible for picking up the division's supply of the *Information Bulletin* every Friday afternoon. Copies of LCIB are placed in central locations in the Main and Annex Buildings by Central Services Division at 4:30 on Friday for pickup by the designated persons; copies for staff in other buildings are sent by shuttle early Monday.

Schools Award. Mr. Updike's other novels include *The Poorhouse Fair* (1959), *Rabbit, Run* (1960), *Couples* (1968), and *Rabbit Redux* (1971). In addition, he is the author of several volumes of short stories, three books of poems, three books for children, and a collection of essays. He is a member of the National Institute of Arts and Letters.

Other well-known American writers who are currently serving the Library of Congress in the capacity of Honorary Consultants in American Letters are Conrad Aiken, James Dickey, MacKinlay Kantor, William Jay Smith, William Stafford, and John Hall Wheelock.

EXHIBIT TRACES HUNGARIAN LAW

The Law Library will commemorate the 750th Anniversary of the approval of the Golden Bull of Hungary with an exhibit of a reproduction of the document and of old Hungarian law books and other material related to this constitutional grant. The Golden Bull, granted by King Andrew II of Hungary in 1222, was a reaffirmation of the ancient rights and liberties of the Hungarian nation. It resembles in many aspects the Magna Charta of England, which preceded the Hungarian constitutional document by only seven years. The exhibit will also include several works dealing with the Golden Bull and its importance in the constitutional development of Hungary.

The exhibit, opening on April 5, will be located in the foyer of the Law Library, Second Floor, Main Building. It will remain on view until June 30.

TWO POETS TO READ ON APRIL 10

The staff and friends of the Library of Congress are invited to a poetry reading on Monday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Coolidge Auditorium. Poets George Garrett and Brendan Kennelly will read from and discuss their work and Josephine Jacobsen, the Library's Consultant in Poetry, will moderate the discussion. No tickets are required for the program.

George Garrett was born in Orlando, Fla., in 1929, and was educated at the Hill School and at Princeton University (B.A., M.A.). During the early fifties he served as a sergeant with the field artillery, United States Army, in Italy, Austria, and Germany. He has taught at Wesleyan University, Rice University, the University of Virginia, Princeton University (writer-in-residence, 1964-65), and Hollins College, where he has been Professor of English and director of the writing program since 1967. Mr. Garrett joined the faculty of the University of South Carolina for 1971-72. At present he is poetry editor of the *Transatlantic Review*, coeditor of *The Hollins Critic*, and associate editor of *Contempora*. His first book of poetry, *the Reverend Ghost: Poems* (1957), was followed by *The Sleeping Gypsy and Other Poems* (1958), *Abraham's Knife* (1961), and *For a Bitter Season: New and Selected Poems* (1967). He has published four collections of short stories, most recently *A Wreath for Garibaldi* (1969), and four novels, including *The Death of the Fox* (1971). His work has appeared in numerous periodicals and anthologies. In 1958 he received the *Sewanee Review* Fellowship in Poetry, and in 1959 the Rome Prize of the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

Irish poet Brendan Kennelly was born in County Kerry, Ireland, in 1936. He was educated at St. Ita's College, Tarbert, County Kerry; Trinity College, Dublin; and Leeds University, Yorkshire. For many years he taught literature at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, but is presently a member of the faculty at Swarthmore College in Swarthmore, Pa. With Rudi Holzapfel, Mr. Kennelly has published four books of poetry, the most recent being *Poems: Green Townlands* (1963). He is the author of numerous other volumes including *My Dark Fathers* (1963), *Collection One: Getting up Early* (1966), *Dream of a Black Fox* (1968), and *Selected Poems* (1969). A contributor to various Irish periodicals, Mr. Kennelly has also published two novels, *The Crooked Cross* (1963), and *The Florentines* (1967). He has both written poetry in Irish and translated poems from Irish. In 1967 he was the recipient of the A. E. Memorial Award.

Tape recordings of this and other programs in the Library's literary series are made available for delayed broadcast on radio stations in other cities through the National Public Radio, Scheduled Tapes Division. In Washington, D.C., this program will be broadcast by radio station WGMS-FM on April 22 at 10:30 p.m. The reading at the Library is under the auspices of the Gertrude Clarke Whittall Poetry and Literature Fund.

WGMS-FM TO AIR CIARDI READING

On Saturday, April 8, at 10:30 p.m., station WGMS-FM, Washington, D.C. will present a delayed broadcast of the literary program held on March 27 [see LC *Information Bulletin*, March 17, p. 113]. The

program featured poet John Ciardi in a reading; he was introduced by Josephine Jacobsen, the Library's Consultant in Poetry.

THE JUILLIARD STRING QUARTET

On Thursday and Friday evenings, April 6 and 7, the Gertrude Clarke Whittall Foundation in the Library of Congress will sponsor two concerts of chamber music by the Juilliard String Quartet. The quarter (Robert Mann and Earl Carlyss, violins; Samuel Rhodes, viola; and Claus Adam, violoncello) will present Quartet in D minor by Juan de Arriaga; String Quartet by Anton von Webern; and Quartet in E flat major, Op. 127 by Ludwig van Beethoven.

Each concert will begin promptly at 8:30 p.m. in the Coolidge Auditorium of the Library. The Friday evening concert will be broadcast in its entirety by station WGMS of Washington, D.C., and tape recordings for delayed broadcasts will be made available to stations in other cities by the Katie and Walter Louchheim Fund in the Library of Congress.

Tickets for both concerts will be distributed by Patrick Hayes, 1300 G St., N.W., beginning at 8:30 a.m., Monday, April 3. A service charge of 25 cents is placed on each ticket, and only two tickets are distributed to an individual. Telephone reservations may be made on Monday morning by calling 393-4463. Mail orders are not accepted.

DBPH HOST TO CEC SESSION

The Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped was host last week to one of the largest meetings ever held at the Taylor Street Annex: an afternoon session of the Council for Exceptional Children's Division for the Visually Handicapped, Partially Seeing, and Blind (DVH) on Tuesday, March 21, during the 50th annual international convention of CEC held in Washington March 19-24.

Following welcoming remarks by DBPH Chief Robert S. Bray, the conventioneers, totaling an estimated 200, remained together in a group for their annual business meeting in the DBPH conference room, presided over by Charles Woodcock, DVH president, who is Superintendent of the Oregon State School for the Blind, Salem, Oreg.; and Mrs. Carol Halliday, President-elect and Program Chairman, who is Program Planner and Developer for the Blue Grass East Mental Health Center of Lexington, Ky.

Mr. Bray and Mrs. Halliday, at start of Council for Exceptional Children session held at Taylor Street Annex.

Later the group broke up into four parts for the following workshop session: (1) Volunteer Programs–Braille and Audio–at the Local Level, a panel discussion coordinated by Mrs. Maxine Dorf, Head of the Volunteer Services Unit; and Bill West, Coordinator, Tape Volunteers; (2) Research and Development in Reading Equipment for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, directed by Ralph Garretson, Head of the Technical Section; (3) Storytelling to and for the Blind Child, featuring a presentation by Jean Brown, Children's Librarian of the Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Penn., assisted by Linda Redmond, Children's Librarian, D.C. Regional Library Unit; and (4) Music Services: Aid to the Teacher of the Visually Handicapped, directed by Mrs. Mary Mylecraine, Supervisor of the Music Services Unit.

Also on the afternoon agenda were a tour of the Taylor Street Annex and visits to several exhibits set up especially for the group, consisting of many items drawn from the Division's permanent collection: a display of mechanical reading aids for the visually handicapped, several small, stuffed animals on loan from the Smithsonian Institution; an origional group of two-dimension, twin vision (braille and print) books developed by the Casper E. Yost Chapter, Arthur B. Goetze Council of the Telephone Pioneers of America, Omaha, Nebr., and given to the Division; and a group of touch toys and pictures prepared by a group of Washington women and children.

An exhibit at the CEC convention manned by Robert Ennis, Librarian, D.C. Regional Library Unit, among others, and attendance at several convention sessions by staff members rounded out DBPH participation in the CEC's golden anniversary convention. Donald Weber, Assistant Head of the National Collections Section, coordinated plans for the session of the visiting group.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS PUBLICATIONS

Accessions List: Middle East. Index to Monographic Titles in 1971. Volume 9, 1971. (pp. i-xxvi.) Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Acting Field Director, Library of Congress Office, U.S. Interests Section, Spanish Embassy, Cairo, Arab Republic of Egypt.

Monthly Checklist of State Publications. Vol. 63, No. 3. March 1972. (pp. 153-212.) For sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, at 45 cents this issue or $6.50 a year, domestic, and $8.25 a year, foreign.

New Serial Titles–Classed Subject Arrangement. February 1972. (33 p.) Prepared under the sponsorship of the Joint Committee on the Union List of Serials and published monthly by the Library of Congress. For sale by the Card Division, Library of Congress, Building 159, Navy Yard Annex, Washington, D.C. 20541.

Selected Sources of Information on Hazardous Materials, recently compiled by the Science and Technology Division's National Referral Center, is an informal 14-page listing of organizations that will provide information on the handling, transportation, and other aspects of hazardous materials. Included for each of the 53 organizations listed is its address, telephone number, a description of the information services it will perform for the public or selected users, and information on its publications, holdings, and data collections. Copies of the list may be obtained free from the National Referral Center, Science and Technology Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

Press Releases: No. 72-20 (March 20) John Ciardi to read at Library of Congress on March 27.

Special Announcements: No. 464 (March 16 advised the Library staff on payments of delayed salary increases; no. 465 (March 16) explained the Sickle Cell Anemia Education and Screening Program in the Library; no. 466 (March 20) announced the appointment of Paul Vassallo as Director, National Serials Data Program; no. 467 (March 20) called attention to the Federal Employees Health Benefits 1972 "open season"; no. 468 (March 20) announced the appointment of Edward N. Waters as Chief of the Music Division, Reference Department.

STAFF NEWS

DEATH OF A FORMER STAFF MEMBER

Florence Baxter Currie, a Senior Cataloger in British and North and South American History when she retired on April 30, 1951 [see *Information Bulletin,* April 30, 1951, p. 22], died on March 9 at a hospital in New Rochelle, N.Y. She resided in the District of Columbia until 1968 when she moved to East Orange, N.J., to be near her sister.

AWARDS

Samuel Lazerow, Chief of the Serial Record Division and Chairman of the U.S. National Libraries Task Force on Automation and Other Cooperative Services, was recently presented a 35-year Federal Service Award pin by William J. Welsh, Director of the Processing Department.

A native of Baltimore, Md., Mr. Lazerow is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University (B.S., with honors, 1938) and Columbia University (M.S. in Library Science, with honors, 1941). He has done advanced study in scientific management principles, standards and measurements, and systems administration at the U.S. Department of Agriculture Graduate School and also has done graduate work in management technology at the American University. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1942 and was discharged in 1946 with the rank of Captain.

Mr. Lazerow joined the staff of the Library in August 1965 as Assistant Chief of the former Catalog Maintenance and Catalog Publication Division and was promoted to his present position in the spring of 1966. (Full accounts of his Federal Service career appeared in LC *Information Bulletin* of August 2, 1965, July 7, 1966, and March 2, 1967.)

In addition to managing the division which develops and maintains the official records of the Library's serial holdings and the cataloging of serial materials for the past seven years, Mr. Lazerow has also been active in an advisory capacity to other libraries and in professional associations. He has been since 1968 Library of Congress Liaison to the Serials Section

Policy and Research Committee of the Resources and Technical Services Division, American Library Association; a member of the Advisory Board since 1971 to the Joint Serials Control Project of the Five Associated University Libraries; a member, also since 1971, of the Pan American Health Organization Advisory Committee to the Regional Library of Medicine at São Paulo Brazil; a member of the Subcommittee on the Arrangement of Periodicals of the Z39 Committee of the American National Standards Institute; and this year was made a member of the Group of Experts on the International Serials Data System. He has been for the past four years Chairman of the Task Force on Automation, a body whose goal is to seek solutions to individual technical library problems in an effort to arrive at uniform standards and procedures to the highest degree possible for the three national libraries.

Benjamin Swinson, Study Facilities Assistant in the Stack and Reader Division, was presented a 30-year Federal Service Award pin by Paul L. Berry, Director of the Reference Department, on March 20.

Mr. Swinson was born in Snow Hill, N.C., and attended schools there and in Wilson, N.C., where he graduated from high school. He married shortly after graduation, and he and his wife, Lillian, came to Washington, D.C. Never having "any idea that I would be here 30 years," Mr. Swinson accepted a position with the Library of Congress in the old Library Buildings Division in March 1942. "There have been a lot of changes since then," he recalls. He remembers that "we worked six days a week then, and there were no power mowers–we mowed the lawn by hand."

In December 1944 he transferred to the Stack and Reader Division. He worked in the control room for seven years and then moved to the Study Facilities Unit where he continues to find it a "pleasure to meet all those different people." Over the years, he has received many letters of thanks and commendation from grateful scholars.

Mr. Swinson, a great sports fan, attended as many baseball games as possible "when we had a good team here;" and follows football and basketball. In addition to gardening and keeping up the lawn at home, he also collects coins, one coin in his collection dating back to 1878.

Mr. and Mrs. Swinson are the parents of two sons, both of whom have M.A. degrees–Benjamin L. Swinson, a Major with the U.S. Army currently at the Pentagon, and Calvin R. Swinson, a certified public accountant in San Francisco. They have two grandchildren. Mrs. Swinson retired in 1970 from the State Department.

Elvin E. Thomas, Assistant Head of the Inventory Section of the Card Division, was presented a 30-year Federal Service Award pin on March 6 by Mr. Welsh. All of Mr. Thomas's Library service has been with the Card Division.

A native of Sun, W. Va., Mr. Thomas attended school in Mount Hope, W. Va. Immediately following his service with the U.S. Army from February 1942 to October 1945, where he rose to the rank of Master Sergeant, he joined the Library as a Card Drawer. Mr. Thomas has held positions of increasing responsibility and was promoted to his present position in July 1969. The Section in which he serves has responsibility for filling card orders, which totaled 10 million last year.

While in the military service, Mr. Thomas was selected as a member of the original cadre for the all black 332nd Fighter Plane Group. This was the first and only black Fighter Group in the military history of the United States. He served under then Col. Benjamin O. Davis, Jr. This group distinguished itself in combat by flying escort bombers and received seven Stars and one Presidential Group Citation.

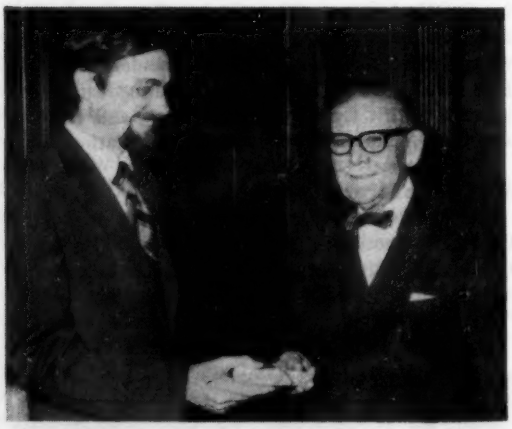
Meritorious Service Awards

Gerald C. Maddox, Head of the Processing and Curatorial Section and Curator in the Prints and Photographs Division, was given a Meritorious Service and a $150 cash award commending him for his "thorough and creative planning" of the division's

Mr. Maddox and Mr. Mumford

move to the Annex. The Librarian stated that under Mr. Maddox's "leadership, the first and most difficult phase of the move was completed with such smoothness that the staff was able to provide reasonably full service at a far earlier date than anticipated. All parties concerned have testified to [his] willingness, availability, and competence."

Jerry Lee Kearns, Acting Head of the Reference Section in the Prints and Photographs Division, accepted a Meritorious Service Award and a cash award of $100 in recognition for his "significant contributions" during the move of the Prints and Photographs Reading Room from the Main Building to the Annex. Mr. Mumford noted how Mr. Kearns' "thoughtful work brought [the] unit into working order virtually as soon as it was relocated and allowed public service to be given in comfortable surroundings within a week after the move commenced."



Mr. Kearns and the Librarian

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Appointments: Merita S. Johnson, clerk-typist, GS-3, Cat Publ, OP500; Yancy G. Lea, janitor, WG-1, Bldgs Mgmt, OP100; Richard W. McCrellan, Jr., senior programmer, GS-12, ISO, PA2603; Harvey J. Pelton, computer programmer, GS-11, MARC Dev, PA2482; Mrs. Doris J. Spencer, senior programmer, GS-12, ISO, PA2283; Joseph P. Vessels, mail clerk, GS-3, Cop Serv, OP200.

Temporary Appointments: William N. Raiford, analyst in international relations, GS-9, CRS-F, P2511; Paul A. Robinson, processing assistant, GS-5, Mss, PA2576.

Reappointments: Mrs. Deborah C. Harley, clerical assistant, GS-4, Ov Op, PA2559; Mrs. Judith A. Mauck, technical information specialist, GS-9, Sci, PB2570.

Promotions: Bruce E. Langdon, CRS, to assistant head, Subject Specialization Section, GS-12, CRS-L, PB2536; Thomas R. Wenner, Mss, to exchange specialist, GS-9, E&G, PB2441; Barry S. Weyburn, to shelflister trainee, GS-5, Subj Cat, PA2557; Mrs. Dorice L. Williams, to shelflister trainee, GS-5, Subj Cat, PA2557.

Transfers: Sharon Lynn Grant, FRD, to preliminary cataloger, GS-5, Desc Cat, PA2600; Mrs. Irene C. Kellogg, Trng, to secretary to the executive officer, GS-6, Proc, PA2605; Mrs. Amelia L. Miller, CRS-A, to editorial assistant, GS-5, CRS-GGR, NP.

Resignations: John P. Bennett, III, S&R; William M. Burroughs, ISO; James D. Fann, Cop Serv; Michael A. Maguire, LL; Kathleen M. Moran, Cat Publ; Joseph E. Parks, CRS; Robert T. Smith, LL Eur.

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Alan Fern, Assistant Chief of the Prints and Photographs Division, Presented an illustrated lecture on "The Photographed Past: The Library of Congress Collections" to the Botetourt Bibliographical Society at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va., on March 9.

Frederick R. Goff, Chief of the Rare Book Division, participated in the Third Annual Conference sponsored by the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, held on February 25 and 26 at Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. The theme of the Conference was "The Year 1500."

Mr. Goff's illustrated lecture was devoted to "The Book and The Artist in the 15th Century." Other participants included Howard M. Brown of the University of Chicago, whose lecture was devoted to music of the period; Jaroslav Pelikan of Yale, who spoke on reform and reformation; Harold J. Grimm of Ohio State University, whose topic was "Social Forces in Germany in 1500;" James S. Ackerman of Harvard University, who lectured on "Scientific Illustration in Early Printed Books;" and Roland H. Bainton, Professor Emeritus of Yale, who concluded the formal papers with a lecture entitled "The Influence of Women in the Reformation." The Conference ended with a panel discussion moderated by Stanley J. Kahrl, Director of the Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies at Ohio State.

John B. Kuiper, Head of the Motion Picture Section, Prints and Photographs Division, lectured at the Smithsonian Institution on March 7. The lecture was a part of the Seminar on the Conservation of Photographs and Related Documents sponsored jointly by the Smithsonian and the Institute for Graphic Com-

munication. Mr. Kuiper's topic was "Technical and Administrative Decisions in Film Preservation."

Walter W. Ristow, Chief of the Geography and Map Division, was elected a Life Member of the American Congress on Surveying and Mapping (ACSM) during the annual business meeting held at the Washington Hilton Hotel on March 14. Mr. Ristow joined the ACSM in 1942, one year after it was founded.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sickle cell anemia testing for staff members wishing to take the tests will be given on Thursday afternoons on April 13, 20, and 27. A further announcement for time and place will follow. The screening test, which will be given by the Library nurses, takes only a few minutes and the results will be confidential. Employees interested in having the test should complete a form obtainable from the Supervisor of Health Services, Room A-1015, as soon as possible.

Employees may enroll in the **Federal Employees Health Benefits** program during "open season" until April 14. Employees presently enrolled may change plans, options, and type of enrollment. Changes and new enrollments become effective on April 17.

The new premium rates, as listed in Special Announcement 467, will be applicable on April 17. The new rates will be reflected in withholding and contribution adjustments for most employees, whether or not they make enrollment changes during the open season. Plan benefits have not changed.

Nominations are invited for the in-house, **Refresher Typing Course** to be instructed by Mrs. Margie Ruth Lee of the Central Services Division. The course will be given from April 24 through May 5, Monday through Friday, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

Enrollment will be limited to 15 staff members who have previously passed the LC typing test but whose typing skills, for various reasons, may not have been utilized for a time, resulting in a need for typing improvement. It is hoped that during this 15-hour course, participants will increase their speed by an average of 10 words per minute, and significantly improve their accuracy rate.

Nominations should be submitted on Form LW 3/61b, through divisions and departments, in time to reach the Training Office by the nomination deadline of Monday, April 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Broscius are the parents of a daughter, Karen Elaine, born on March 20 at the Cafritz Memorial Hospital in Washington, D.C. Mrs. Broscius is a Processing Unit Supervisor in the Shared Cataloging Division.

Mr. & Mrs. Richard LaRoche are the parents of a daughter, Reneé Katherine LaRoche, born on February 27 at Fairfax Hospital, in Fairfax, Va. Mr. LaRoche is a Librarian in the State Documents Section of the Exchange and Gift Division.

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Stewart are the parents of a son, Rulian Jamek Stewart, born on March 2 at Columbia Hospital in Washington, D.C. Mrs. Stewart is the Secretary to the Chief of the Exchange and Gift Division.

ISO HOLDS AUTOMATION SEMINAR

The Information Systems Office sponsored an Automation Seminar on March 7 on programming concepts conducted by Harlan D. Mills, Manager of Programming Studies, IBM Corp. Mr. Mills gave a presentation of basic hypotheses of structured programming and their implementation in the Chief Programmer Team approach being used at IBM. He also described the unprecedented results from some initial applications of these concepts.

"72 SERIES" CARD NUMBERS

The "7 series" card numbers, a distinguishing feature of which was the use of the second numeral in the card number as a "check digit," are being replaced by a "72 series" which will eliminate the use of the "check digit" and which represents a return to the system where the first two numerals of the card number correspond to the last two numerals of the calendar year in which the card number was issued. This change will have virtually no effect on most libraries ordering LC printed catalog cards, for to the human eye, card numbers being assigned in the new "72 series" will look the same, that is, they will consist of "72" followed by a dash and a serial number consisting of up to six digits.

Previously used "7 series" card numbers which incorporated the numbers "2," "3," "4," and so forth as a "check digit" will remain valid and will *not* be duplicated by numbers assigned in 1972, 1973, 1974 and so forth. *Cataloging Service Bulletin 102,* January 1972, provides more detailed information on the "72 series." Additional copies of *Bulletin 102* may be obtained free of charge from the Card Divi-

sion, Library of Congress, Building 159, Navy Yard Annex, Washington, D.C. 20541.

NEW REFERENCE BOOKS

A recent Soviet sociological treatise with a substantial bibliography that is likely to be of interest to American scholars is *Biudzhet Vremeni Gorodskogo Naseleniia* [The Time Budget of the Urban Population] (Moscow, Statistika, 1971. 247 p. HN29.B5). This volume surveys the results of investigations made in Soviet Union of the patterns of use of personal time. This comprises all those divisions of the individual's day into time for sleep, work, recreation, household duties, and the like, with the variations which are to be found among age, sex, or occupational groupings. Such information allows the reader to arrive at a more complete view of the character of life in Soviet urban areas than is to be found in much of the other literature on the subject. A concise bibliography (pp. 232-246) offers a guide to Soviet publications in the field and to works which have been published in the East European countries. There are many statistical tables which show, for example, something of the problems in the use of time experienced by working wives who must also maintain a household and care for children. A copy of this volume is available from the general collections.

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The Dag Hammarskjold Library of the United Nations has initiated a new reference aid series consisting of selective bibliographies confined to materials available at the U.N. Library. The first four of these duplicated listings are No. 1: *Environmental Law: A Partial List of National and International Legislation* August 10, 1971. 14 p.); No. 2: *Organ Transplantation: A Partial List of National Legislation* (August 12, 1971. 7 p.); No. 3: *The Diplomatic Recognition of China* September 30, 1971. 9 p.); and No. 4: *The Diplomatic Recognition of the Divided Countries* (October 20, 1971. 19 p.). These lists are prepared primarily for U.N. use and are not available for outside distribution. They may be consulted, however, in the Union Catalog and International Organizations Reference Section, MB-144.

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NEWS IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

Livraria Portugal Marks 30th Anniversary

The Livraria Portugal, booksellers of Lisbon, Portugal, has celebrated the 30th anniversary of its founding. The anniversary has been marked by a series of special events and observances, including publication of a special anniversary booklet, an exhibition in honor of novelist José Maria Ferreira de Castro, the striking of a medal citing the bookstore and bearing an insignia of an open book, and the issuance of a two-volume collection of the signed articles of Dr. José Pedro Machado, well-known Portuguese scholar who has collaborated in the editing of the *Boletim Bibliografico,* a publication of Livraria Portugal.

The bookstore opened to the public on May 4, 1941 at its present location, no. 70, Rua do Carmo. Today the firm has departments featuring trade books, children's books, and textbooks for all teaching levels. The store has recently added an antiquarian section, featuring deluxe and illustrated editions of works on heraldry, arms and weapons, clocks and watches, jewelry, gems, and shells. The store frequently puts up special exhibits and window displays honoring various authors. On many occasions, authors have come to the store to autograph their books, and, in some instances, to read their works.

The firm's *Boletim Bibliografico* reaches a public scattered over Europe, Asia, Africa, America, and Oceania; it lists the firm's Portuguese and foreign wares and serves as a current national bibliography.

Bicentennial Report to Congress Now Available

The 1971 American Revolution Bicentennial Commission Report to Congress is now available from Commission Headquarters, 736 Jackson Pl., N.W., Washington, D.C. It highlights Commission activities during the past year and gives a capsule description of Bicentennial program planning in the various States and by Federal agencies and private organizations.

The report also contains information on the planned 1976 international exposition, a description of the official ARBC symbol, and an explanation of the criteria for Commission endorsement of Bicentennial programs. Appended to the report are lists of members of various ARBC panels—Philatelic Advisory Panel, and Coins and Medals Advisory Panel—and list of State Bicentennial Commissions or contacts.

Programs for Blind Readers Suggested for IBY

A list of activities to aid blind readers throughout the world in conjunction with International Book Year has been proposed to Unesco by Charles Hedkvist, President of the World Council for the Welfare of the Blind. Mr. Hedkvist's suggestions are reprinted in

the February issue of *International Book Year*, a newsletter published by Unesco.

The activities which are suggested include a study of problems connected with copyright laws concerning books for the blind; the application of international recommendations and agreements concerning shipment of literature for the blind; reduction in cost of books for the blind; publication of a new edition of *World Braille Usage*, originally published by Unesco in 1953; book weeks and other national events to focus public attention to book problems; and an arrangement to use Unesco gift coupons to purchase braille duplicating equipment.

Folger's "Romeo and Juliet" Opens April 6

Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* will open on the Elizabethan stage of the Folger Shakespeare Library on April 6 and will run through April 30. Two preview performances will be held on April 4 and 5.

The production by the Folger Theater Group will be set in a late 19th-century European traveling circus. According to the play's director, Munson Hicks, the circus world has the same kind of emotionally-charged atmosphere that Shakespeare saw in his original setting, the Italian Renaissance town of Verona.

Tickets for the production are available by mail or by phone from Folger Theatre Group, 201 E. Capitol St., S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003 or 546-4986.

Roundup of Library Activities

The **American Library Association** will sponsor a Telecommunications Seminar on April 6-7 at the Statler-Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C. Topics will include transfer of bibliographic and numeric data, images, and sound. Registration is $60 for ALA members, $70 for non-members. For further information contact Don S. Culbertson, Executive Secretary, Information Science and Automation Division, ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, Ill. 60611.

The **University of Pittsburgh's** Graduate School of Library and Information Sciences will administer the 1972 Multi-National Librarian Project, a 15-week cultural exchange program sponsored by the Department of State. Ten career librarians from foreign countries will participate in the program which runs from April 6 through July 20.

The 4th National Meeting of the **Information Industry Association** will be held on April 10-12 at the Roosevelt Hotel in New York City. Highlighted will be the session, "On-Line Information Centers," featuring five leading exponents of interactive-on-line information services. For more information, contact Paul G. Zurkowski, IIA Executive Director, 1025 15th St., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005.

The **New England College Librarians**, the New England Technical Services Librarians, and the New England Chapter of the American Society for Information Science will co-sponsor a conference on the Role and Function of the Library in an Era of Expanding Educational Technology. The conference will be held on May 5-6 in Amherst, Mass. For information regarding accommodations, write to Mrs. Pat Graves, University Library, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mass. 01002.

Robert Jordan, Director of the Media Services Division at Federal City College, Washington, D.C., has been appointed an operations expert for the John F. Kennedy Library at Addas Ababa, Ethiopia. While he is on leave of absence, Matthew Woods will serve as the Acting Director of the Division.

Historians Honor James Masterson

Dr. James Masterson, Editor of *Writings of American History* for the past 20 years, was honored by his colleagues at a luncheon held at the Cosmos Club on Thursday, March 23. A unique project, Dr. Masterson's bibliography has been produced under the auspices of the National Archives, researched at the Library of Congress, published by the Smithsonian Institution as volume II of the *Annual Report* of the American Historical Association, and printed by the Government Printing Office. Dr. Robert K. Webb, Managing Editor of the *American Historical Review*, made the presentation of a calligraphic tribute, on behalf of the American Historical Association Council, to Dr. Masterson for his extraordinary dedication and contribution to American scholarship.

Guests at the luncheon included Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., former Executive Director of the National Historical Publications Commission; Joyce Eberly, Assistant Editor of the *Writings of American History* for the past 12 years; Mrs. Elizabeth E. Hamer, Assistant Librarian of Congress; Marvin W. Kranz, Specialist in American History, General Reference and Bibliography Division; *and* Oliver H. Orr, Jr., Manuscript Historian, Manuscript Division. Earlier volumes of *Writings* were edited by Grace Gardner Griffin of LC's Manuscript Division.

Abraham Kaminstein Tribute Appears in Journal

"A Tribute to Abraham L. Kaminstein," recently retired Register of Copyrights, appeared in the October 1971 issue of the *Bulletin of the Copyright*

Society of the U.S.A. The tribute includes laudatory statements by Leonard Zissu, President of the Copyright Society; L. Quincy Mumford, Librarian of Congress; Senator John L. McClellan, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Patents, Trademarks, and Copyrights of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary; Congressman Robert W. Kastenmeier, Chairman of the Copyright Subcommittee of the House Committee on the Judiciary; Eugene M. Braderman, then Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Commercial Affairs and Business Activities; Professor Eugen Ulmer, Director of the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Patent, Copyright, and Competition Law, Munich; and George D. Cary, Register of Copyrights. Appended to the issue is an annotated bibliography of Mr. Kaminstein, compiled by Benjamin W. Rudd, Attorney-Adviser-Librarian of the Copyright Office.

Paul Howard and FLC Featured in Article

The November-December 1971 issue of *Information: News/Sources/Profiles* contains a profile article on Paul Howard, first Executive Secretary of the Federal Library Committee (FLC). The story, written by Frank Kurt Cylke, FLC Executive Secretary, describes Mr. Howard as a man "who dedicated his career to developing a viable organization," and traces a brief history of the formation of FLC.

FID Publishes Scientific Information Text

An Introductory Course on Informatics/Documentation, a guide for a basic course in scientific information work, has been published by the U.S. National Committee for the International Federation of Documentation (FID). Written by A. I. Mikhailov and R. S. Giljarevskij, the book contains the texts for a series of lectures, questions for self-checking, tests or examinations, lists of references suggested for further study, and curriculum and syllabus of the lectures and practical lessons. The guide is intended primarily for students of institutions of higher learning in countries lacking regular instruction in the discipline; it can also be used for the initial training of information officers in developing countries.

An Introductory Course (1971, 204 p., $11) is available from FID, 7 Hofweg, The Hague, Netherlands.